

Remarks

This amendment is submitted in response to an oral restriction requirement conveyed to the undersigned by the Examiner in a telephone conversation on 5 June 2009, seeking an election between:


Group I: claims 1-30 and 37-40; and

Group II: claims 31-36.

The Applicants thank the Examiner for his courtesy in conveying the restriction requirement orally, and elect Group II without traverse. This amendment withdraws claims 1-30 and 37-40, and adds new dependent claims 41 and 42 that depend, respectively, from independent claims 31 and 34 in Group II. Each of the new dependent claims adds the additional limitation that the Initial Value is an Initialization Vector, and is supported, *inter alia*, on lines 16-17 of page 1 and on lines 21-22 of page 3 of the specification as filed.

The Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance, and request consideration and allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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